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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Michael J. Erickson
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RE: Ecological Risk Assessment Peer Review Scope of Work

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the May 5, 2008 Ecological Risk Assessment Peer Review Scope of Work for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. As part of the Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (SRI/FS) the Kalamazoo River Study Group (KRSG) and U.S. EPA have agreed to conduct a peer review of KRSG's ecological studies that have been performed with respect to the floodplain soils. The primary goal of the peer review process is for the selected Peer Review panel to complete the Charge (Attachment 1 of the Scope of Work) and address the quality and relevance of ecological studies conducted by Michigan State University (MSU) researchers as additional lines of evidence in the evaluation of risk and for supporting risk management decisions.

The Ecological Risk Assessment Peer Review Scope of Work is consistent with U.S. EPA's guidance and is technically adequate. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the Scope of Work.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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